



ART

Original art: a perfect gift

THE HOLIDAY season is upon us again. This year, more than ever, it's our patriotic duty to stimulate the economy by shopping til we're dropping.

I'd like to put in one of my periodic pleas for the purchase of original art or crafts. It's one way to be certain your gift was actually made locally. The local economy, particularly of artists, can always use some stimulating.

Don't think you have to be wealthy to buy original art. In this county, there's a vast array of locally produced artwork in a wide range of prices. Some of the most interesting collections I've seen were in the homes of people of very modest means.

Buying art is an expression of personality and taste. When you send your relative back East an original piece of local art, you're giving a unique bit of Santa Cruz culture. Your gift is one-of-a-kind, unlike some generic item available in any shopping mall.

Giving a piece of original art to someone who doesn't already own one can open them up to the idea of collecting original art. Collecting art is an evolutionary process. As the collector views more art, discernment and appreciation develop.

The ultimate challenge is buying work by living artists who are still relatively unknown. Here the only guideposts are personal taste and inclination. Buying art becomes as personal an experience as creating it.

If you're buying the work for its intrinsic value and not paying for some "name" and a lot of hype, then the value of the work can only increase. If it doesn't, at least it will give years of faithful service enhancing and decorating the personal environment.

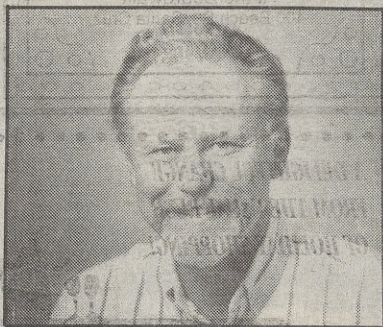
BASKIN STUDIOS — "Eighteenth Annual Print Sale" with original etchings, lithographs, woodcuts, linocuts and monotypes created by current and former printmaking students. Bargain prices! Today, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Seminar Room, Elena Baskin Visual Arts Studios, UC Santa Cruz campus. Public invited.

LOUDEN NELSON CENTER — Get a jump on your holiday gift shopping at the "International Ethnic Arts and Crafts Faire," Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Includes ethnic foods, entertainment and free classes in ethnic dance. 301 Center St., Santa Cruz. Free admission.

Starting Sunday, through Dec. 29: the "200th Anniversary of the Bill of Rights Art Show."

• Reception for the Bill of Rights artists Dec. 15 with performance art, ACLU debate and a picture phone connection to the U.S.S.R.

SUSUN GALLERY — Colorful,



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decorative work by local artists. 4933 Soquel Dr., Soquel, at the third annual Christmas Party 6-9 p.m. Thursday.

INDIA JOZE RESTAURANT — "Right Out There" second annual Central Coast Plein Air Painters group show with Kitty Wallis, Ed Penniman, Vanessa Stafford, Joe Schultz, Ed Teitcher, David Hilberman and Gunar Berlings. 1001 Center St.

• Reception 4-6 p.m. Dec. 7.

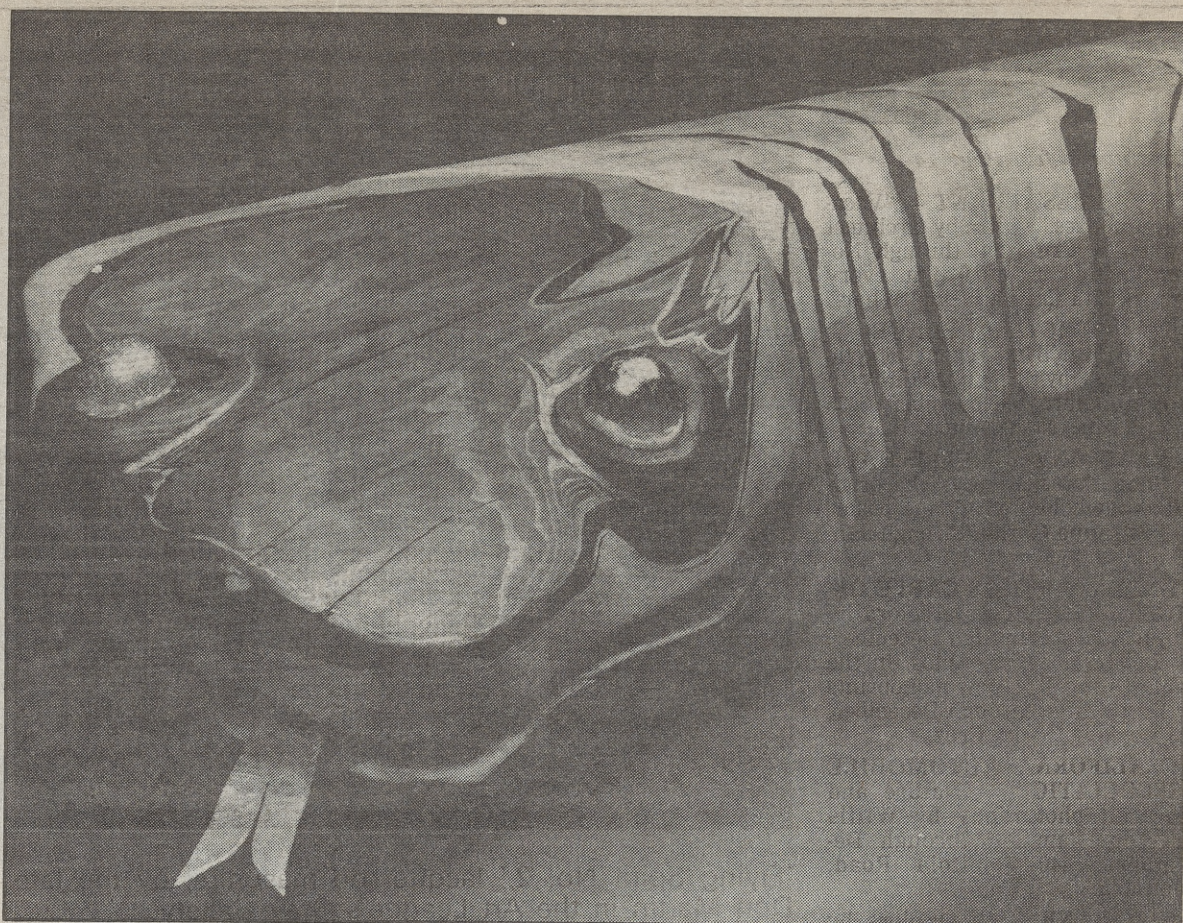
COUNTY BUILDING — First floor: Acrylic paintings by Carmen Leon and marbled images on paper by Joan McLeod. Fourth floor: Color photographs by Peter Harris. Zoning Counter: Paper collages and mosaics by Sheryl Karas. Fifth floor: Mixed media by Amy Sibiga. Display cases: Carved glass sculpture by Heather Wimbrow. Original artwork from the book "The Solstice Evergreen" by Sheyrl Karas and country baskets by Charles Rowe. Through Jan. 10. 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz.

• Reception 5-7 p.m. tonight.

DANCING MAN — "Sea Creatures" by Skip Wagner. 123 Maple St., Santa Cruz.

ART LEAGUE — "The Monterey Bay Landscape," juried by National Academician Richard Mayhew. Opening Dec. 2 in the League's Da Vinci Gallery is "South for the Winter: A Voyage for the Mind." In the Ella Grey Gallery is a memorial exhibition of wonderfully original lacquer on masonite work by the late Don Martin who lived and worked in Santa Cruz for 25 years until his death in November of 1989. 526 Broadway, Santa Cruz. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Call 426-5787 for more information.

SMITH GALLERY — This is the last weekend to see "The Spirit of the North Coast," an excellent collection of paintings and natural history illustrations by Peter Loftus, Deborah Eddy, Barbara Lawrence, Dave McGuire, Diana Patracuola and Anne Alexander. In the gallery's Annex is "Works from the Earth" an exhibit of North Coast ceramicists.



'Sea Creature' by Skip Wagner at Dancing Man Gallery.



'Xolotl, Guide to the Underworld' acrylic by Carmen Leon at the County Government Center.

Through Sunday at Cowell College, UCSC. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 459-2953.

SOMERSET GALLERY — Holiday open house Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Refreshments served. 8 Seascapes Village.

CABRILLO GALLERY — The annual student art show through Dec. 13. Hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday and 7-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. 6500 Soquel Dr., Aptos.

LEIGHANNE GALLERY — Watercolors by Nicholas Solovioff and wood sculpture by Robert Buckland through Jan. 3. 115 San Jose Ave., Capitola Village.

SESNON GALLERY — "Don Weygandt: Monotypes and Other Prints" and "Dimensional Prints" by Ileana C. Lee in the Micro (very small) Gallery through Dec. 13 at Porter College, UCSC. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 459-2314.

ART MUSEUM — The Museum Rental Gallery features quality work by local artists. 1543 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz. 429-1964.

MONTEREY CONFERENCE CENTER — Works on paper by Laurie Zesut through Jan. 3. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

CHAMINADE — The current show "Voyage Into Abstraction" features work by Jude Balthus, Lynn Bomberger, Bettina Borer, Mary Brooks, Gloria Mattis, Mary Porter, Sharon Sussman, Lisa Sandler, Brook Temple, Mimi Ting, Darlene Lilienthal Housman and Deborah Wilson. Through Dec. 5 at No. 1 Chaminade Lane off Paul Sweet Road, near Dominican Hospital.

ZANOTTO'S RESTAURANT — "From Pond to Paper," recent works by Patricia Machaud-Towerey and Donna Brough through Sunday. 5600 Scotts Valley Drive, Scotts Valley.

TEMPLE BETH EL — Collagraphs and engravings by Liz Lyons Friedman through November. 3055 Porter Gulch Road, Aptos.

CABRILLO ADMINISTRATION — Watercolors by Students of Dave McGuire through Dec. 13. 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. 6500 Soquel Dr., Aptos.

COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION — "Ecclesiastical Stained Glass" designed by local artist Marilyn Hanson through Jan. 4. 512 Front St., Santa Cruz.

INDIA JOZE — "MetaPhysical

Landscapes" by Pedro Cosme y Prado. 1001 Center St., Santa Cruz.

KOKOMO CAFE — First annual retrospective from the Average Americans Artist's Collective through Dec. 7. Next to Kuumbwa Jazz Center, Santa Cruz.

HIGH COUNTRY COFFEE — Watercolors by Melinda Picatti through Dec. 7. 226 Mount Hermon Road, Scotts Valley.

GAYLE'S BAKERY — "Topical Fish" by Robert Podesta through November. 504 Bay Avenue, Capitola.

CARRIED AWAY — Whimsical watercolor collages by Doni Tunheim through January. 750 37th Ave., Santa Cruz.

LINDA'S SEABREEZE CAFE — "Garden Scenes" by Marilyn Grenshaw through December. 542 Seabright Ave., Santa Cruz.

BECKMANS BAKERY — "Domestic reflections: International Connections" by Jennifer Colby through November. 2341 Mission St., Santa Cruz.

CABRILLO FITNESS — Watercolors done on location by Bob Newick through November. 6200 Soquel Dr., Aptos.

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